

REMARKS

Incorporation of the described preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

1. Drawings.

Please amend the drawings by substituting the enclosed 17 sheets of drawings to replace informal drawings for FIG. 1 through FIG. 22, as they currently appear in the application file, with formal drawings . No new matter has been added to the formal drawings.

2. Amendment of Claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, 22, 39-42.

Claims 1, 2, 9-11, 22, 39-40 have been amended to rectify syntax, while claims 3, 4, 6, 41-42 were amended to clarify limitations or to correct antecedent basis. None of the amendments have been made for the purpose of overcoming any references, and the claim amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims.

3. Addition of Claims 51 - 56.

Claims 51 is a new independent claim for the combustion shield of the manufactured firelog that is written in a Jepson format.

Claims 52 - 53 recite additional limitation of the firelog product.

Claim 54 -55 is a dependent claim reciting additional elements of the defog peel sheets, and breath equalizer with greater particularity.

Claim 56 - is a dependent claim reciting a limitation in relation to the odiferant in a different format than those within the existing claims.

4. Additional Claim Fees.

No fee is required, as the six added claims (51-56) replace the seven claims (14', 31-36) which have been canceled (*one of which a fee was due (14') as a result of misnumbering the original claims*). The one cancelled independent claim (31) was replaced with a new independent claim (51).

5. Conclusion.

The preliminary amendment cancels claims 7 claims (*one for which a dependent claims fee was due*), amends claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, 22, 39-42, and adds claims 51 - 56. Included in the amendment is a substitute set of drawings to correct informalities. Any changes to the specification are considered by the applicant to provide clarification while not adding new matter to the application.

The Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to clarify any issues that arise upon examination on the merits of the present application, if an allowance of all claims does not appear forthcoming.

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Respectfully submitted,



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